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**PATENT APPLICATION**

Applicants: **Liao et al.**

Case: **761P7**

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Title: **AN INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE FOR USE IN  
AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT**

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated **May 17, 1999** (Paper No. 8), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20.

REMARKS

In view of both the amendments presented above and the following discussion, the applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application is obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or 35 U.S.C. § 103. Thus, the applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

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